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Title : Need for a legislation on street vendors.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, I want to raise a very important issue regarding the interests of crores of unemployed youth of our country.

Sir, because of unemployment, huge unemployed youth are maintaining their livelihood as street vendors. In 2004, the Government announced a policy for street vendors. As per that policy, the municipalities and corporations will have to rehabilitate street vendors at the rate of 2.5 per cent of the total population of the municipalities and corporations. But this policy announced has not been implemented because this is not being backed by any legislation. So, through you, I request the hon. Prime Minister to introduce a Bill so that the Union legislation can be enacted protecting the interests of street vendors. In this legislation, there should be a provision for financial assistance also to the municipalities and corporations so that street vendors can be rehabilitated. Towns and cities will also be clean and beautiful and at the same time, crores of unemployed youth will earn their livelihood also.

Therefore, this is my earnest request, through you, to the hon. Prime Minister[bru21].